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## Vaccine E-Letter # 259 11/9/2007

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### **New Chemical Temperature Monitors**

This week McKesson began using new temperature monitor indicators to assure that vaccines are received in manufacturer-recommended conditions. The new temperature indicators are the 3M MonitorMark™ Time Temperature Indicator and the ColdMark™ Freeze Indicator. Both prove to be effective in consistently and accurately assessing the exposure to temperature variants during the shipping process.

#### **Monitor Instructions**

Both temperature management indicators will be included in all shipments. Each will be attached to a card that provides the recipient instructions as to how to read the monitor. Indicators will be placed near the vaccines to ensure proper protection while in transit and effectively monitor temperature levels. Containers are clearly marked “perishable” in order to alert clinic staff to refrigerate contents immediately upon arrival. In all cases, the recipient is instructed to do the following within two hours of shipment receipt:

- 1) Remove the indicator from the shipment container
- 2) Refrigerate vaccines at 35°-46°F (2°-8°C)

### **Holiday Shipping Changes for VFC Vaccine**

Due to upcoming holidays, vaccine shipping will be adjusted to avoid officer closures. ISDH will request that McKesson not ship vaccines to arrive on the following dates: November 21 - 23; December 24 - 28; and January 1, 2008.

## **Vaccine Shipping Update**

Merck & Co., Inc. has reported that PedvaxHIB® is unavailable for shipment. Based on the latest information, Merck expects PedvaxHIB® (PRP-OMP) to be available sometime in the first quarter of 2008.

If it becomes necessary to complete a series with PRP—T (ActHIB® [sanofi pasteur]) that was started with PRP-OMP (PedvaxHIB® or ComVax® (PRP-OMP/Hepatitis B) [Merck]), the following guidelines may be followed:

- If the first 2 doses of PRP-OMP were administered as the primary series, any Haemophilus influenzae b conjugate vaccine including PRP-T may be administered for the dose 3 booster at age 12-15 months.
- If only one dose of PRP-OMP has been administered, the primary series may be completed with 2 additional doses of PRP-T. There should be a minimum interval of 4 weeks between all doses of the primary series followed by a 4th dose as a booster at age 12-15 months.

Please consult the Catch-Up Immunization Schedule (found on page 3 of the schedule) for the timing of doses for those who start late or are more than one month behind:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/child/2007/child-schedule-color-print.pdf>

## **Influenza Vaccine Shipping Update**

The CDC has informed ISDH that all flu vaccine has been released to the warehouse for shipment. ISDH received orders for over 164,560 doses of flu vaccine. The CDC released 158,350 doses to ISDH.

ISDH received more Fluzone in multidose vials than we had orders for, but much less Fluzone in 0.5ml syringes and single dose vials. ISDH had orders for over 50,000 0.5ml syringes and single dose vials of Fluzone, but only received 9,600 doses in 0.5ml syringes and single dose vials. This will require ISDH to make cuts and substitutions to many orders.

All orders for available flu vaccine will be processed by early next week.

## **Wasted/Expired Vaccine Returns**

Expired/ruined vaccine must NOT be sent to GIV- they no longer accept packages from VFC QQ. Most of the packages that have been delivered to the Bastain, VA post office do not have return addresses on them and they cannot return them nor can they open the packages to see who they came from. All return vaccines should be sent to McKesson. If you need return forms and instructions call (800) 701-0704 and tell the receptionist that you need a return form.

## **CHIRP Survey – Please Participate**

CHIRP is doing a survey of users to their satisfaction with CHIRP. To complete the survey, please log-in to CHIRP, go to the patient search screen, and click on the link above the Patient Search box.

## **CHIRP Issues**

CHIRP was upgraded to a new version this week. Even though the version was tested, there have been three specific problems identified. The programming staff and the vendor are working on a quick solution, but it will not be fixed before Thanksgiving.

- VFC Eligibility: Ineligible is missing from the dropdown menu on the demographic screen, but it is still available on the screen prior to administering a shot.
- Reminder/Recall: If you use "Select Patients" option under reminder/recall, you may receive fewer patient names than anticipated. This seems to affect those with Registry or IRMS access only. Most users have Facility access.
- Crashing: CHIRP is having load balancing problems which results in CHIRP going down. Staff monitor this closely and usually have it back on line in less than 5 minutes.

## **CHIRP Tip**

Always use the First Name and Last Name fields for the legal name of the patient. Use the Alias First Name and Alias Last Name fields for nicknames or other names the patient is known to use.

## **CHIRP Outreach Staff**

Two outreach personnel provide assistance to the northern and southern portions of the State. Their main tasks are to recruit new users into CHIRP and to provide training. The CHIRP registry helps providers accurately track and report vaccine provision. Training typically is provided onsite and at regional trainings. Contact the CHIRP toll-free number at (888) 227-4439 to be connected to the CHIRP outreach representative for your region.

## **CHIRP User Group Meetings**

*Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.*

**November 16, 2007 – VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

9:30AM - Noon CST

Vanderburgh County Health Department

Oak Park Professional Building

420 Mulberry St

Evansville, IN 47713

## **Contact Us**

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:  
[Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov) or 800-701-0704.